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Identical letters dated 30 May 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly

On the instructions from my Government, I should like to bring to your attention the following:

1. In the wake of the assassination that took the lives of two Lebanese citizens in the city of Sidon on 26 May 2006 and the subsequent firing of missiles in the direction of the southern side of the Blue Line, by as yet unknown parties, many areas of Lebanon were subjected on Sunday, 28 May 2006, to heavy Israeli bombardment resulting in casualties and destruction of property, accompanied by threats by Israeli officials to bomb vital facilities in the capital, Beirut.

2. These tragic incidents experienced by Lebanon, which recur periodically, confirm yet again that conditions will not stabilize along Lebanon's international borders as long as the Israeli occupation of Lebanese territory in the Shaba farmlands and the Kafr Shuba hills and daily violations of Lebanese sovereignty (such as the overflight by 10 warplanes of the capital, Beirut, 24 hours after the ceasefire) continue. Their repeated occurrence poses a threat to peace and security not only in Lebanon, but in the Middle East region as a whole, as the Secretary-General has repeatedly warned in his periodic reports on the operations of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). The stability of conditions along the entire Lebanese border, and within Lebanon and the region, is contingent on an end to the occupation, the implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions, and a commitment by Israel to abide by international legitimacy. You are aware of the urgent efforts being made by the Lebanese Government to spread peace and security, establish civil peace in Lebanon, and extend the rule of law throughout Lebanese territory. Any disturbance of security of any kind at this critical stage could obstruct these efforts and have a negative impact on citizens, as well as adverse implications for the outcome of the national dialogue conference that you have supported and encouraged.

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3. The Lebanese Government is resolved to pursue investigations to uncover the circumstances and conditions of the aggression against Lebanese citizens in the city of Sidon. The Lebanese Army Command, in conjunction with the UNIFIL Command, is also conducting the necessary investigations to ascertain the circumstances of the firing of missiles from Lebanese territory with a view to putting an end to them.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Caroline **Ziadeh**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Identical letters dated 30 May 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

It is with great dismay that yet another terrorist attack has been perpetrated against the citizens of Israel. Over the weekend, the Hizbollah terrorist organization fired eight Katyusha rockets deep into northern Israel from Lebanese territory, wounding an Israeli soldier and resulting in an extensive exchange of fire along the Lebanese border.

We hold not only the Government of Lebanon fully responsible for all terrorist activity emanating from within its territory but also hold responsible the Governments of Iran and Syria for harbouring, financing, nurturing and supporting Hizbollah and other terrorist organizations.

Israel urges the United Nations and the Government of Lebanon to ensure that all obligations set out in Security Council resolutions 425 (1978), 1559 (2004) and 1680 (2006) are fulfilled. The time has come for the sovereign Government of Lebanon to extend its control over all of its territory and disband Hizbollah and other terrorist organizations.

I submit the present letter in follow-up to an oral complaint lodged on Sunday, 28 May 2006.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter distributed as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14 and 108, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dan **Gillerman**
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